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SUBJECT: CHAD PROTESTS FRENCH USE OF CHAD FOR CAR COUP

1. SUMMARY: CHADIAN PRESIDENT GOUKOUNI HAS OFFICIALLY PROTESTED THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT'S USE OF CHAD IN CONNECTION WITH THE CAR COUP. HE CALLED IT AN UNFRIENDLY ACT WHICH VIOLATED CHADIAN SOVEREIGNTY. END SUMMARY.

2. FOLLOWING IS A TRANSLATION OF THE SUBSTANCE, AS PRINTED IN INFOTCHAD, OF A CHADIAN PROTEST NOTE OF 28 SEPTEMBER TO THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT. IT WAS SIGNED BY PRESIDENT GOUKOUNI.

3. BEGIN TEXT:
DURING THE NIGHT OF SEPTEMBER 20-21 FRENCH TROOPS BASED AT NDJAMENA WERE SENT TO BANGUI TO SUPPORT MR. DAVID DACKO IN HIS ATTEMPTED COUP AGAINST THE REGIME OF BOKASSA. MOREOVER, A CONTINGENT WAS TRANSPORTED FROM FRANCE TO NDJAMENA TO FILL THE VOID CREATED BY THE DEPARTURE OF TROOPS FOR THE ABOVE-MENTIONED ACTION. IT WAS ONLY ON 21 SEPTEMBER AT 1730 THAT THE CHADIAN AUTHORITIES, IN PARTICULAR THE CHIEF OF STATE, WERE INFORMED OF
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THIS BY THE COMMANDER OF THE FRENCH FORCES IN CHAD.

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THEN, ONLY AT 2230 THE SAME DAY, A DIPLOMATIC NOTE FROM THE FRENCH EMBASSY WAS PRESENTED TO THE CHIEF OF STATE BY THE FRENCH CHARGE, CONFIRMING THE PRECEDING INFORMATION.

THESE DOING (AGISSEMENTS) MANIFESTLY VIOLATE CHAD'S NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY AND THE SACRED OAU PRINCIPLE OF NON-INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THIRD CUTRIES. AT ALL EVENTS, THE NEW CHAD INTENDS ON THE ONE HAND TO DEFEND ITS NATIONAL SOVEREIGNITY, AND ON THE OTHER TO RESPECT THE VITAL PRINCIPLES OF THE OAU AND UN CHARTERS, SPECIFICALLY BY NOT PARTICIP.TING FROM NEAR OR FAR IN ACTIONS OF THIS SORT. ALSO, WE MAKE THE STRONGEST PROTEST AGAINST THE USE OF CHAD'S NATIONAL TERRITORY AS A SPRINGBOARD FOR COUPS IN NEIGHBORING OR DISTANT COUNTRIES.

THE PRESIDENT AND THE INTERIM COMMITTEE OF THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNION (G'UNT) RESERVE THE RIGHT TO DRAW ALL THE CONSEQUENCES WHICH CAN FLOW FROM THIS UNFRIENDL. ACT.
END QUOTE. BULLINGTON

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